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Virginia Latino Leaders Council



2018 Latino Civic Engagement Conference

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Ida Lee Recreation Center

Leesburg, Virginia

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PROGRAM

- 9:00 Coffee and Registration
- 10:00 Welcoming Remarks
- The Honorable J. Walter Tejada, President, Virginia Latino Leaders Council (VLLC)
- The Honorable Fernando “Marty” Martinez, Member, Leesburg Town Council
- Invocation: The Reverend Daniel Velez-Rivera
- 10:20 Enhancing Latino Civic Engagement in Virginia
- A Study on the Economic Contributions by Immigrants in Virginia*, presented by Ms. Laura Goren, The Commonwealth Institute
- Fighting against anti-immigrant legislation in Virginia*, presented by Andres Tobar, VLLC Executive Director, and past Chair of Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO)
- 11:30 Conversing with a High-Level Latino Public Official in Virginia
- Jaime Areizaga Soto, Deputy Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, with VLLC Vice President Beatriz Amberman
- 12:15 Lunch Program
- Update on the Legislative Session with Latino/a Elected Members of Virginia’s General Assembly: The Honorable Alfonso Lopez and The Honorable Elizabeth Guzman, State Delegates
- 1:30 Panel: Latino/a Incumbents, Candidates for Elected Office, and Public Officials
- Each will speak for 5 minutes, followed by audience questions
- Incumbents and Candidates confirmed:

The Honorable Dalia Palchik, Member, Fairfax County School Board

The Honorable Tannia Talento, Member, Arlington County School Board

The Honorable Fernando “Marty” Martinez, Member, Leesburg City Council

The Honorable Miriam Machado, City of Manassas Park Councilmember

Erika Yalowitz, Candidate for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Lucero Wiley Soto, Candidate for Virginia State Senate, Hampton Roads

Virginia State Public Officials confirmed:

Maribel Castañeda, Coordinator of Gubernatorial Appointments

Fernando Mercado, Special Assistant and Director of Latino Outreach

2:30 Latino Interactive Civic Engagement Discussion, moderated by VLLC President J. Walter Tejada

Audience participation requested!

4:00 Networking Social Hour

Special thanks to our Conference Partners and Hosts:

**Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations
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**Rafael Arancibia * Mike Beatty * Yvette Castro-Green * Carolina Espinal *
Sara E. Melendez * The Reverend Daniel Velez-Rivera *
Emma Violand Sanchez**